

THE PLAN OF THE AGES.

The first chapter of Genesis says that God made the heaven and the earth and everything in them in a period of six days. People used to take that literally and think that all things were created in six of our 24-hour days. But we know better than that now. We know that each one of those days was a long period of time. Yet we are not disputing what the Bible says about it—we are just learning that the Bible didn't mean a 24-hour day in the first place. For example, we often speak of "Abraham's day" or "Shakespeare's day," but we don't mean that Abraham and Shakespeare only lived 24 hours. We have reference to the period of time in which they lived, and we call it their "day." This is the kind of of a "day" that the Genesis account has reference to. And when we get to looking at it that way we find that the Bible and science are not so far apart as we had thought. If you have read any thing about what Geology teaches concerning the creation of the earth you know that it also divides the time into six creative periods during which the earth was passing through various stages of formation.

As to the length of these creative days, there are wide differences of opinion. Some argue that they were just one thousand years long, since it is stated that "one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." Others make each day seven thousand years long, taking their clue from the peculiar significance of the number seven in the sacred writings. It seems to be a sort of divine number and denotes completion. Take note that the creative week (including the rest day) consisted of seven days. We also read about the seven churches, the seven angels, the seven trumpets, the seven golden candlesticks, the seven spirits of God, the seven last plagues, the seven vials of wrath, and so forth. There are seven sevens, which make forty-nine and lead up to fifty—a complete number. Every fiftieth year in Jewish history was the Year of Jubilee. I will have more to say about the Year of Jubilee in future articles. What I am driving at now is to get you to see that the number seven is closely associated with the creation and destiny of the world.

Now let us take the number seven as a key-word and see where it leads us. And also bear this in mind: "One day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

Now, then. You see we had six days of creation, and then a day of rest. Seven days in all. Nothing is more reasonable than to suppose that the six creative days were a type of the six thousand years of labor and suffering and death through which the human race has passed. Then we have to deal next with God's day of rest. What can we make that represent? It don't take much imagination to see that it must be a

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type of the next thousand years of earthly life, which we are just now entering. And in order to be true to its type, this coming thousand years must be a time of peace and rest and great blessing—literally a thousand year Sabbath. You can't figure it out any other way. There MUST be the thousand years of peace and rest to finish out the seven and to fulfill the promise held out in the type. That is why God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because it was to be a day of rest, and because it was to be a type of the thousand-year day of rest after the six thousand-year days of labor and trouble and death.

Ordinary reason and common sense ought to convince anybody that the above explanation is bound to be correct. But if any further proof is wanted, the prophecies are just full of it. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Amos, and all the rest—they have used a large part of their space to describe how things will be in the New Age (the thousand-year Sabbath) which we are just now entering. But all of these descriptions are linked up with the restoration and blessing of literal earthly Israel in such a way that the people (having been taught that earthly Israel would never be restored) have entirely missed the true meaning of it all. The teaching is just as plain as can be that the scattered and rejected Children of Israel will be gathered back and restored to favor, and they will be the dominant nation of the world for the next thousand years. When the blessing of God's favor returns to them they will all be converted to righteousness, and through them all the nations of the earth will be blessed.

Hunt up your old dusty Bibles and read about these things, and keep in mind as you go along that it will all be right here on this earth—not away up in the clouds somewhere.

Let me give you just one quotation from Revelation:

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand

years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw Thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."—Rev. 20.

Take particular note that during all this time there will still be nations here on this earth. The object of binding Satan is to keep him from deceiving the nations any more until the thousand years are ended. The Devil has been loose in the world for the past six thousand years and running things pretty much as he pleased. But his reign of terror has about reached the end of its row. He is going to be bound and cast into the pit. In fact, the binding is going on right now. That's what this war means. It is the devil kicking and struggling and trying to get loose. It may take several years yet to get him thoroughly bound and subdued. But the Old Boy will have to give it up and go on to prison.

Just think of this old world without any devil loose in it, and a spirit of GOOD put into everybody—don't you think it would be a fine place to live in? And that's the way it will be after this war is over. It will not be entirely perfect at first, but it will get better and better right on until the whole earth is transformed into a Garden of Eden.

While the people could go on thinking that the things foretold in prophecy were thousands of years in the future, they didn't take much interest in it. But now some of them, at least, are waking up to the fact that the terrible things foretold are happening to US—right here in 1917! And that sorter puts 'em to stirring around.

In a world where good news is so scarce and bad news so plentiful, this Good News paper ought to go like hot cakes.

The End of Sin—and the Paper Supply.

There is great uneasiness among printers and publishers as to how the supply of print paper is to be kept up. For some time there has been a serious paper shortage and prices have gone out of reason. The best authorities on the subject see no prospect of relief from the paper famine. The point is that SO MUCH paper is being used every day that the supply just can't keep up with the demand, and, on top of that, the world's available stock of paper-making material is bound to become exhausted before long.

The present evil world wants "News," and the only thing that it regards as "news" is the portrayal of wickedness and sin and crime. There are some good things going on in the world today, but they don't make "news." You go into the slums and feed a hungry family or minister to the sick or do some other good deed, and the papers will never mention it. But you go out and get drunk and raise a fuss with somebody and have a fight, and you will be good for two columns and a scare-head. There was no "news" value in your first act, but in the last there is. People don't care anything about your good deeds, but they want to know all about your crimes. Such is "news."

And there is so much of that kind of news in the world today that the great dailies have to get out big editions every day, and often two or three times a day, and with their enormous circulations it is easy to see how they are eating up the paper supply.

But is there no solution to the problem? Yes, indeed. The present wicked order of things is soon to stop, and then there will not be so much "news." The good deeds of the New Age will not take so much paper to spread them before the world.

So you see the supply of paper is giving out just at the time when the demand for it will soon be stopped. If you will only think about these things you will see that God always plans everything to happen just at the right time.

It may be that the governments which help to restore Israel will share in her blessings and not be utterly wiped out. But they will all be brought to their knees.

Why was Joseph sold into Egypt? To save up corn for the famine that was coming? Yes, that was one object of it, but that wasn't all. There was a still deeper and more far-reaching purpose in it—a purpose that reaches right down to this present day and touches US. Be sure and read my "Joseph" article in the next issue of Good News.

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